

Gentlemen,

I have been involved in radio experimentation for 36 years and a licensed Amateur, C/S KN4LF for 13 years, with simultaneous operation on 160 meters using both CW and SSB and as a rag chewer, DXer and to a lesser extent a contester.

What has attracted me to the 160 meter band is it's uniqueness as a wide open band with no operating mode segmentation, a gentlemanly spirit of mutual cooperation and a band where true transmit antenna and radio wave propagation studies can still be conducted.

There is a strong opinion within the 160 Meter Amateur community that to legally separate wideband and narrowband modes on 160 meters is unnecessary and therefore a waste of limited FCC resources to approve the petition assigned RM-10352.

There is also a strong opinion within the 160 Meter Amateur community that the recent ARRL Ad Hoc Committee 160 Meter Voluntary Bandplan was also unnecessary, however the vast majority of operators have complied with it. Ironically though, in my personal observation the few operators that have violated the new voluntary band plan of no SSB below 1843 kc, are some of the same operators supporting a legal separation wideband and narrowband modes.

I humbly request that you deny the petition assigned RM-10352. Thank you.